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## HALF-BREED KILLS FLORENCE FEAGIN

Antioch Murderer Escapes to Sandhills—Bartlett Wounded by Marshal Knight

Florence Feagin, aged forty, is dead; Sam Bartlett is in an Alliance hospital with a bullet hole through his right lung, and Jack Jackson, half-breed Indian, murderer of the Feagin woman, is in hiding somewhere in the sandhills as a result of partaking too freely of raw alcohol last Saturday evening at the home occupied by Jackson and Mrs. Feagin in the eastern part of Antioch.

The murder followed a quarrel early Saturday evening, the first part of which was witnessed by Sam Bartlett and Miss Nolan, the latter having accompanied Florence Feagin from Scottsbluff Saturday. It is probable that there was a pistol fight between the man and the woman, either real or feigned, and that the last, or fatal shot, followed an attempt on the half-breed's part to take the woman's gun away from her.

According to the testimony brought out at the inquest held Sunday afternoon by the county attorney, Florence Feagin had been living with Jackson as a common law wife for two or three months past. She made a trip to Scottsbluff Friday of last week, and on her return brought with her Miss Nolan. Jackson, who was drunk at the time, met them at the train with an automobile. He had an automatic revolver with him at this time, and witnesses say that he showed it to the Feagin woman, saying:

"See what I have here. And I'm going to use it, too."

Jackson took the two women to the house, and the quarrel began. Sam Bartlett joined the crowd. About 8:30, Jackson told Bartlett and Miss Nolan to "clear out."

"We're going to settle up right now," he said, "and we don't want you here."

Bartlett and Miss Nolan asked Florence Feagin if she wanted them to leave.

"Go ahead," she is said to have told them. "It'll be all right. He's a coward and there's nothing to be afraid of."

The two then withdrew as requested, remaining outside the house for some minutes. Loud voices could be heard, evidences of a bitter quarrel, and then five pistol shots. They walked up to the house and Miss Nolan, looking through a window below the drawn blind could see the body of Florence Feagin huddled on the floor.

They knocked on the door, then pounded, asking to be admitted, in order to "warm themselves", but the half-breed gave no sign of hearing them.

Miss Nolan and Bartlett then rushed down town. The girl found Pete Schrader, the night marshal, and gave the alarm. Bartlett went to the city jail and told Day Marshal Frank Knight of the murder.

Marshal Knight, according to stories told by various citizens of Antioch, decided that it was up to him to detain Bartlett, who was said to be under the influence of liquor to quite an extent. Knight could see no reason why he should let a minor offender go in order to go after a greater.

But Bartlett didn't like the idea of being placed in jail. He wanted to be in on the chase of the half-breed, perhaps, or it may be that the Antioch city jail didn't appeal to him. He resisted arrest with good effect, slamming the door in the marshal's face. Marshal Knight drew his automatic, intending to club Bartlett into submission, but made the error of seizing it in the usual way, and when he brought it down toward Bartlett's head, the gun was discharged, sending a bullet through the left lung. Bartlett was taken to the Steam Heated Rooms.

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## JUDGE TASH BUYS WALKER RESIDENCE

County Judge Ira E. Tash, who last week sold his Box Butte residence property to Ed Henry, has purchased the Jay Walker residence at 915 Laramie. Possession will be given some time this month.

Mr. Walker is spending a good deal of his time in the Osage oil field these days, and it was decided to sell the residence property. Mrs. Walker, it is announced, will leave soon for a visit with her parents at Arnold, Neb.

## MR. BROOME FAILS TO REPLY TO THE CITY

F. M. Broome, editor of the Antioch News, who was discovered last week to hold title to one of the lots on which the city hall stands, has not yet replied to the invitation of the city, through Attorney Metz, to come across with a quitclaim deed. At the time the purchase was made, in 1901, Mr. Broome was agent for the Lincoln Land company, and the failure to transfer the lot in question is assigned to carelessness. The discovery was made by T. H. Barnes, who is now appraising city real estate.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OPEN NEW CLUBHOUSE

Alliance council No. 875, Knights of Columbus, held a regular old-fashioned housewarming Monday evening, the occasion being the opening of their new quarters at 311½ Box Butte avenue. Three hundred invitations were issued, and despite the bad weather, practically all of them were accepted.

There were two separate entertainments going on under the auspices of the Knights. At the club rooms could be found a number of card games and light refreshments, while at the armory a dance was in progress.

The K. C. rooms have been fitted up to be used as lodge rooms and general club quarters. They will be open to the members at all times, and will be fitted up with a piano, victrola and library. The building has been remodeled to suit the needs of the Knights, who plan still further improvements during this year. The building will be extended some sixty feet to the alley, and a large hall added on to be used for lodge purposes. At present there are three rooms fitted up, one of which is used as a kitchenette.

The local lodge was organized May 7, 1905, with a charter membership of about twenty. Today it numbers on its membership roll over three hundred, and now that the club rooms have been fitted up, a big drive for new recruits is in prospect.

## ROBERT ROSS NAILS A CAMPAIGN CANARD

Robert G. Ross, the Lexington, Neb., candidate for the presidency of this glorious nation, has nailed a great campaign lie. In a letter to the State Journal, Mr. Ross denies that he is a livery stable keeper, or that he ever worked in one. He charges the Journal with deliberately printing this misstatement in an effort to "deceive the people" and spoil his chances. Here's the letter, just as the presidential aspirant wrote it:

"Lexington Neb Feb 25 1920 Lincoln Neb weekly state Journal Dear sir I see in your weekly state Journal today that you have published a Bare faced lie on me that I was a livery stable man and is Ross fourth entry in the race which is also a lie trying to poison the people minds against me I want you to state to your readers how much you got for this rotten lie you published on me and deceiving your readers out of their money they are paying you to know the truth thru your paper peopl dont take paper to read lies I never owned a liver stable nor never run one, nor even worked for any body that did run one, nor havant entered fourth time in to race now you Publish this next week in your paper or I send it all over nation that your neighbors may know what lies you are published on me I am a farmer from a boy up to 53. Robert G. Ross Lexington Neb."

## COUNTY CONVENTION OF INTER-CHURCH MOVEMENT

A county convention of the inter-church world movement was held at the Christian church in Alliance on Monday, April 5, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., and ending with an evening session at which stereopticon slides were shown. This conference was the first of a series of similar conferences to be held in several counties, the same team conducting each. Rev. A. J. Kearns is chairman of the team, assisted by Rev. S. J. Epler, Rev. A. J. May of Hemingford, and E. C. Newland.

A home officer from each church was appointed to carry on the work in the future.

Among other plans is that for a combined drive of all the churches from April 25 to May 2, during which the benevolences of each church will be simultaneously raised. This will be followed by an evangelistical campaign extending over a period of three weeks.

## LIGHT VOTE IN CITY ELECTION

Lack of Interest in Contest to Elect Councilmen and School Board Members

Unless there is a lot more activity in political circles Tuesday afternoon the city election will not arouse very much interest. In the Second ward, but seventeen votes had been cast at 11:30 a. m., which doesn't indicate any great amount of excitement. This ward has in times past cast as many as 378 votes, and this was in the days when the women had no voice in affairs political. With women voting, there are at least 700 votes that could be counted. Other wards in the city showed the same result.

The last development in the campaign was the presence of a slate for the city council, containing the names of A. V. Gavin, O. C. Moore, E. D. Henry and Bliss Sturgeon. Mr. Gavin had announced his intention not to enter the race, and the first intimation that he had been selected as a candidate came when members of his family saw his name thrown on the screen at the picture show.

The slate appears to have been named in order to defeat H. D. Hacker in the First ward; L. T. Burrow in Second; Arthur Wright in Third and L. H. Highland in Fourth. The afternoon will probably see a larger number of votes cast, but unless there is more interest, only a small proportion of the city's voters will register a choice. Very few women had voted up to noon.

A number of voters are writing the names of F. A. Harris and K. J. Stern on the school election ballots. The terms of these men had expired and they did not file for re-election. Neither did anyone else. Those interested in the city's schools say they intend to force them back on the board by writing in their names on the ballots.

## STRUGGLE GOING ON FOR OSAGE OIL LANDS

Contending Interests Bring Armed Men, Legal Actions and Other Forces Into the Struggle

The expected struggle for the possession of and right to drill on oil lands near the big gusher at Osage, Wyo., developed last week with the arrest of a number of men who took part in moving off two oil drilling rigs from the west one-half of section eighteen, directly north of the well brought in by J. O. Walker and associates of Alliance.

The 320 acres mentioned above had been homesteaded by Harley Holloway, a former Crawford boy and an ex-soldier with a number of months' service overseas to his credit. Holloway warned the claim jumpers to keep off his homestead, but they based their action on a lease given to them by parties who had made blanket filings last fall over a large portion of the Osage field.

The first night after the two drilling rigs moved on to the land an orderly band of about fifteen men accompanied Holloway to the land and with the aid of a team proceeded to move the rigs off the land in question. No violence was used and the drillers at both rigs gave possession when they were told by Holloway that he was going to move them off.

The next morning Holloway, George Harvey and Homer Sherill of Crawford and Thomas G. Scott of Osage, were arrested on a charge of rioting. Although the witnesses for the prosecution testified at the trial had been no violence, loud language or destroying of property, three of the men—Holloway, Harvey and Sherill, were found guilty of rioting by Justice of the Peace A. M. Nelson, and a fine of \$100 and costs was assessed against each of them. Their cases were promptly appealed to the district court for trial on November 3. They were represented at the trial by Attorneys Floyd J. Wilson and Fred Sass of Denver, Robert Reddish and F. A. Bald of Alliance and A. J. Greenwood of Newcastle. Their bonds of \$500 each on the appeal were furnished and the men were released.

Senator Hitchcock at Washington was appealed to by friends of Holloway, who insist that the ex-soldier be given his rights in maintaining possession of his homestead against the attempts of the claim jumpers. The senator immediately took steps

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## BUT 18 MORE DAYS IN AUTO CAMPAIGN

"Second Period" Offers Opportunity to Increase Vote Totals by Leaps and Bounds

The standing of contestants will be found on page 6.

The first period of The Herald's prize and automobile campaign which closed Saturday night, was a great success. Tens of thousands, yes, hundreds of thousands of votes were issued and every candidate profited mightily. A large number of ballots secured during the final stages of the first period are in evidence today—the balance will appear from time to time before the big race ends.

Race Unusually Close  
It is a strange coincidence—something very unusual in affairs of this kind—but several of the leading contestants benefited so equally during the period just closed that without halting figuring it is almost impossible to determine the real leader today. As stated in an article that appeared in these columns a week ago, it seems that The Herald's campaign is fated to be an extraordinarily close one throughout.

The competition, therefore, so far as the relative standing of some of the contestants is concerned, is practically where it was prior to Saturday night. Hence, the struggle for supremacy will be fought out during the next eighteen days—for the entire campaign comes to a close April 24. It depends almost ENTIRELY upon the result obtained between now and the end of the campaign as to who the ultimate winners will be.

Going Up!  
Votes totals soar again today. Five contestants are so closely bunched that if every ballot outstanding were polled there would not be much difference in the relative positions. Miss Margaret Barry continues to lead the campaign with Mr. Cox and Mr. Kelly a close second and third, respectively. Mr. Cox made a spectacular advance during the first period and has started the second period with a determination that may mean a battle for competitors. Mr. Kelly is keeping up the pace and could show even greater strength.

Miss Lydia Gasseling has regained considerable ground and is fast overtaking the leaders. Miss Sarabel Newman, who has just recovered from her illness, is again in the fray and fireworks can be expected during the next ten days.

The race for supremacy is growing warmer every day and with the end of the campaign only eighteen days off intensive effort from every one of the leading participants is anticipated. And that is as it should be, for it is BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY.

Votes for Job and Ad Cards  
As announced at the beginning of the campaign, votes are issued for job printing and classified advertising cards. These cards sell for \$10 each and are good for any kind of printing and certain kinds of advertising in The Herald (not display advertising). The number of votes issued, full details relative to the sale of cards, and what class of business they will be accepted for, will be found in the advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue. Sale of cards will continue through the second period only, terminating Saturday night, April 17.

Subscriptions Still Count Big  
During the "second period" (up to and including April 17) subscriptions will count pretty big; in fact, they count for almost as many votes now as during the period just closed. For example: One five-year subscription NOW counts for 20,000 votes in place of 25,000, but 50,000 EXTRA votes are still issued for each \$20 club. Eight five-year subscriptions, therefore, count for 160,000 REGULAR votes and 250,000 EXTRA votes, (eight five-year subscriptions total \$100—five \$20 clubs) making a grand total of 410,000 votes NOW against 450,000 during the first period—the small difference of 40,000, or less than the EXTRA votes on one lone club.

Vote Count Thursday  
Thousands of votes will be polled the next two days for Thursday's count. Who will lead—who will stand out as having demonstrated a capacity that is extraordinary? The standings will be published Friday and if YOU wish to lead bring in your subscriptions and votes at once—the polls close at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

Now that you have won your first victory DON'T STOP—the first period was not a goal, IT WAS ONLY A STEP FORWARD.

## SNODDY AND THIELE BUY BUSINESS BLOCK

A deal was concluded this week by which H. F. Thiele and John Snoddy become the owners of the business block on Box Butte avenue which now houses the Golden Rule and the Thiele drug store. Mr. Thiele will take half of the building containing his store and Mr. Snoddy the other part. The Golden Rule's lease does not expire for several months, and no plans for future occupancy have been made. The consideration was not announced.

## CHIEF REED FINDS TWO RUNAWAY BOYS

Frank McKelvie, aged all of thirteen, and Hallie O'Neill, aged twelve, both of Seneca, were taken in tow by Chief Reed at the Burlington station Sunday evening, at the end of an almost perfect day. They had "bummed" their way by riding in freight cars, and were a pretty tired as well as a hungry pair of boys when the chief took them to the police station. They had a total of 30 cents in their possession when captured, but this had been given them by a large-hearted stranger in the station who liked their looks.

These boys told no tale of abuse at home, or anything of the kind. They wanted to see the world, and particularly wanted to see Alliance, where the O'Neill boy's brother, Tom, lives. Hallie started out to make a visit without informing his parents, and Frank came along for company.

Monday morning W. J. McKelvie, father of the older boy, made a trip to Alliance and took both of the runaways back with him. Each had his entire 15 cents intact. It was a nice trip, but they probably won't come again for a while.

## PAYING CONTRACTORS ARE CALLED DOWN

Superintendent Olson, in charge of the paving gang, is in dutch with Mayor Rodgers, the city council and every citizen of the city right now. It develops that it was his brilliant idea, this removal of the street crossings, and while everything would have been lovely had there not come the snow and rain, the weather was against him.

The mayor and members of the council have been after the paving superintendent hard the past day or two, and results were beginning to be seen Tuesday noon. By that time a number of rude crossings were seen over the worst mudholes, and probably before the week ends the ordinary citizen can walk three blocks down Box Butte without going over his shoe tops more than twice.

## "LURE OF AMBITION" AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Theda Bara, vamp, is the attraction at the Imperial tonight, where she will appear in her newest super-production, "The Lure of Ambition." The story is one that fits Theda's talents to a T, and it has quirks and turns enough to make it an exceedingly interesting drama. It's startling enough to have a stenographer wing up by marrying a duke, but when in addition there are half a dozen tensely dramatic situations, to say nothing of a set of dual strawberries (whatever they are), it's bound to be good. Also a comedy, "The Bull Thrower," and a Hearst news reel.

Wednesday comes an Allan Dwan production, a pieturization of Richard Harding Davis' "Soldiers of Fortune." Here's another instance, the producers say, where the reproduction follows very closely the lines of the original story. It's a red-blooded yarn, with none of the overdrawn situations that usually follow this sort of a promise. Manager DuBuque was able to get the film for but one night—and you won't want to miss it. Added inducement, Mack Bennett comedy, "Up in Alf's Place."

Charles Ray in another country boy role is the feature for Thursday. It's a little different from the usual run of Ray pictures, and better, too. "Crooked Straight" is the title, and it tells of his experiences as a safe-blower, among other things. "Elmo the Fearless," third episode, completes a good program.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Watson, formerly of this city, are visiting friends and relatives here, having made the trip overland from Interior, S. D. They expect to start back to their home at Interior tomorrow.

## TWO CAN PLAY IN A GUESSING GAME

Scottsbluff Newspaper Interviews "Railroad Men" With Interesting Results

The Scottsbluff Star-Herald is not greatly impressed with reports that have been published from time to time by one enthusiastic Alliance editor. It takes more than interviews with mythical "high officials" (names not mentioned) to convince them that this city is due to receive all the improvements that have been forecasted as often as real news happened to be a trifle scarce.

The importance of the Grand Island-Alliance-Billings line is due to be lessened, within a year or two, according to the Star-Herald, which draws a pitiful picture of congestion which cannot be relieved. The improvements we have been getting, which have led us to hope, are merely "makeshift expedients." The following bits of theory are interesting as showing that more than one can play in a guessing game:

"There seems to be no hesitancy in the Burlington quarters in Lincoln with reference to the fact that that road eventually expects to make the line through Bridgeport and Scottsbluff its main trunk from St. Louis and Lincoln to the northwest. The steadily increasing traffic from the North Platte valley stock region and the Wyoming oil business is causing more and heavier burdens on the lines in the eastern part of the state, as they now exist.

"To take care of this growing northwestern traffic the Burlington is resorting to several makeshift expedients. Last year a higher grade bridge was completed across the Platte near Grand Island. This improvement eliminated a steep grade and bad curve, and was necessary under even ordinary conditions. The Aurora yards have been badly congested, due to the shutting of all the traffic from this region over the Broken Bow, Alliance, Grand Island line, and new passing tracks have been made necessary. More track room is also necessary at Grand Island and the single track, to be truthful, is now insufficient.

Automatic signals are being installed along the present main line, but the Burlington men themselves state that all of the planned improvements are just "getting by." The line could be double tracked, but the chief reasons that stand in the way of that are first, lack of ready money for the road to make so expensive an improvement, and second, but chief of all, that the importance of the Grand Island line is to be lessened within a year or so at most.

The railroad men state that "as soon as the road can get around to it" the line from Northport to Kearney is to be built. When that time comes, the line from Lincoln as far as Milford as at present will be used. A new cutoff will be built from Milford to Friend, and from Friend to Kearney, passing through Exeter, Fairmont, Sutton, and Harvard to Hastings, and thence through Kenesaw to Kearney. Some rebuilding will be necessary on the main line through Sutton and the alignment of grades between Hastings and Kenesaw revised, but the expense necessary for these changes is a bagatelle compared with the saving of time and motive power on the "water grade" main line which will then exist practically without a break from Thermopolis to St. Louis.

## FASHION SHOP PLANS A REMODELING SALE

The Fashion Shop is announcing a remodeling sale, which will begin April 7 and last the entire month. The object is to make room for the carpenters, who will begin remodeling the store as soon as the fixtures arrive. Twenty-two thousand dollars' worth of new fixtures are on the way, and when they are installed, the Fashion Shop will have one of the most finely appointed ladies' ready-to-wear stores in the state. A 25 per cent discount is announced in order to move the goods rapidly. Nothing in the large stock is reserved, the discount applying to every article carried, including ladies' suits, skirts, dresses, coats, waists, corsets, undergarments, hosiery, and other lines. The sale presents a big opportunity to Alliance shoppers.

George Duncan, wife and daughter of this city, are visiting friends for Vancouver, B. C., where the latter plans to establish a home. Mr. Duncan will be away from the city for about two months.